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SUBJECT: FISHERIES INITIATIVE

QUITO 7991

, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER SIGNED BY ACTING SECRETARY
INGERSOLL ON OCTOBER 27:

QUOTE DEAR SENATOR CASE: DURING THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS,
THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS DEVOTED SPECIAL EFFORTS TOWARD
ACHIEVING A SOLUTION TO THE DISPUTE OVER TUNA FISHING
RIGHTS IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC. DISCUSSIONS BEGUN IN QUITO
IN FEBRUARY, FOLLOWING THE SEIZURES OF SEVEN U.S. FLAG
TUNA CLIPPERS, HAVE BEEN BROADENED TO INCLUDE OTHER
STATES OF THE REGION. THESE TALKS HAVE REVEALED A COMMON
INTEREST IN DEVELOPING A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS WHICH
HAVE LONG TROUBLED COMMERCIAL TUNA FISHING OPERATIONS
AND AT THE SAME TIME HAVE CAUSED SERIOUS FRICTIONS IN
OUR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA.

QUOTE THESE PROMISING TALKS CONTINUE. OUR PRINCIPAL
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NEGOTIATORS CONCERNED WITH THE LAW OF THE SEA AND

FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS WILL SHORTLY BEGIN ADDITIONAL
INFORMAL TALKS WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS FROM OTHER
INTERESTED STATES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED

NATIONS IN NEW YORK. AT THAT MEETING, NOVEMBER 3-14,
WE EXPECT A FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MEANS TO SECURE
AN EFFECTIVE AGREEMENT GOVERNING COMMERCIAL FISHING AND
CONSERVATION PROGRAMS FOR TUNA IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC.

QUOTE TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING WHILE THESE TALKS
CONTINUE, I WOULD LIKE TO RESTATE THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY
ON THE ACQUISITION OF LICENSES BY U.S.-FLAG TUNA CLIPPERS
FISHING IN WHAT THE UNITED STATES REGARDS AS HIGH SEAS
BUT WHICH ARE CLAIMED BY OTHER NATIONS: THE UNITED STATES
TAKES NO POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE PURCHASE OF FOREIGN
FISHING LICENSES; THE PURCHASE OF SUCH LICENSES IS A
COMMERCIAL DECISION TO BE MADE BY THE OWNER OR SKIPPER
OF EACH VESSEL CONCERNED.

QUOTE I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED CONSULTATION WITH
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FISHING INDUSTRY AND WITH
INTERESTED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AS OUR EFFORTS TO END
THIS DISPUTE PROCEED. SINCERELY. UNQUOTE.

2. LETTER WAS SENT TO FOLLOWING:

MR. AUGUST FELANDO, GENERAL MANAGER, AMERICAN
TUNABOAT ASSOCIATION
MR. CHARLES CARRY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TUNA RESEARCH
FOUNDATION
MRS. LEONOR SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON MERCHANT
MARINE AND FISHERIES
MR. PHILIP E. RUPPE, COMMITTEE ON MERCHANT MARINE AND
FISHERIES
MR. ROBERT L. LEGGETT, CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE AND THE ENVIRONMENT
MR. EDWIN B. FORSYTH, SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES AND
WILDLIFE AND THE ENVIRONMENT
MR. BOB WILSON, REPRESENTATIVE, CALIFORNIA

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SENATOR WARREN G. MAGNUSON, CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE
SENATOR JAMES B. PEARSON, COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE
SENATOR JOHN SPARKMAN, CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
RELATIONS
(SENATOR CLIFFORD P. CASE, COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
RELATIONS.)

3. LETTER MAY BE RELEASED TO GOE ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS.
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